

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:**

Please amend page 17, paragraph 1, to read as follows:

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A container is provided having a payload volume that, in use, maintains at least one environmental condition in the payload volume within a predetermined range of values, a sensor for measuring the environmental condition within the payload volume, and a ~~telecommunications~~ device for transmitting data relating to the environmental condition to a computerized monitoring system via a telecommunications network.